

Internet Fuel Cells Forum

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Abstract

The rapid development and integration of the Internet into the mainstream of professional life provides the fuel cell industry with the opportunity to share new ideas with unprecedented capabilities. The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Morgantown Energy Technology Center (METC) has undertaken the task to maintain a Fuel Cell Forum on the Internet. Here, members can exchange ideas and information pertaining to fuel cell technologies. The purpose of this forum is to promote a better understanding of fuel cell concepts, terminology, processes, and issues relating to commercialization of fuel cell power technology.

The Forum was developed by METC to provide those interested with fuel cell conference information for its current concept of exchanging ideas and information pertaining to fuel cells. Last August, the Forum expanded to an on-line and world-wide network. There are 250 members, and membership is growing at a rate of several new subscribers per week. The forum currently provides updated conference information and interactive information exchange. Forum membership is encouraged from utilities, industry, universities, and government. Because of the public nature of the internet, business sensitive, confidential, or proprietary information should not be placed on this system. The Forum is unmoderated; therefore, the views and opinions of authors expressed in the forum do not necessarily state or reflect those of the U.S. government or METC.

Advertising is not allowed on the Forum. However, an interesting membership benefit is good public relation obtained through the contact with utilities and other interested parties searching for fuel cell information.

In the continuing effort to further improve public knowledge and perception of fuel cell power generation, METC has maintained two modes of communication using the Internet. The FUELCELLS Forum membership is free and can be accessed using the Internet at the e-mail address:

in:majordomo@delphi.metc.doe.gov.

Under subject: Subscribe FUELCELLS

The system will respond with a welcome statement, disclaimers, and further instructions.

The WWW METC Fuel Cells Homepage address is accessed using Netscape at

<http://www.metc.doe.gov>